

# The Hong Kong Daily Press

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## SHIPPING.

**ARRIVALS.**  
December 3, Taro-cho, Chinese str., 700.  
Wahne, Shanghai 80th Nov., General.  
C. M. S. N. Co.  
December 4, Astra, Danish str., 830, Djurup.  
Swatow 3rd Dec., Bullast.—Simsen & Co.  
December 4, Diamant, British steamer.  
119, E. Theobald, Amoy 3rd December.  
General.—Russell & Co.

**DEPARTURES.**  
December 4, Taro, Dutch bark, for Yokohama.  
December 4, Patrolos, British str., for Shanghai.  
December 4, Sir Charles Nazier, British ship, for London.  
December 4, Lord Macaulay, British bark, for Callao.  
December 4, Yung-cho, Chinese str., for Canton.

**PASSENGERS.**  
ARRIVED.  
For Asia, str., from Swatow — 7 Chinese.  
For Yung-cho, str., from Shanghai — 10 Chinese.  
For Diamant, str., from Amoy — 19 Chinese.  
TO DEPART.  
The following passengers will leave by the P. & O. steamer *London* to-day, at noon:  
From Hongkong for Singapore.—Messrs. Barclay, Fisher, and Davis. For Cayor.—Miss Hunter, Rev. W. Urwick and Mr. Kester. For Calcutta.—Messrs. J. and W. Hunter. For Southampton.—Mr. and Mrs. Haslam, two children, and ayah, and Staff-Commander Dixon. From Yokohama for Callao.—Major Boone. For Bombay.—Mr. E. J. Murgueta. For Southampton.—Mr. R. Mason.

**REPORTS.**  
The Danish steamer *Astra* reports left Swatow on 3rd December, and had fine weather throughout.  
The Chinese steamer *Yung-cho* reports left Shanghai on 30th November, and had strong monsoon and fine weather throughout.

**POOCHOW SHIPPING.**  
ARRIVALS.  
11 Douglas, British steamer, from Hongkong.  
12 Onest, British steamer, from Shanghai.  
13 Christian, German bark, from Hongkong.  
14 Kildan, British bark, from Hongkong.  
15 Hocking, British steamer, from Hongkong.  
16 Vuleau, German steamer, from Shanghai.  
17 Buepo, British steamer, from Shanghai.  
DEPARTURES.  
11 Europa, British steamer, for Shanghai.  
12 Rederiet, British bark, for Callao.  
20 Douglas, British steamer, from Hongkong.  
21 Onest, British steamer, for London.  
22 Willie, British bark, for Callao.

**SAIGON SHIPPING.**  
ARRIVALS.  
21 Moska, French bark, from Bordeaux.  
31 Teodoro, Spanish bark, from Manila.  
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12 Rederiet, British bark, for Callao.  
13 Christian, German bark, from Hongkong.  
14 Kildan, British bark, from Hongkong.  
15 Hocking, British steamer, from Hongkong.  
16 Vuleau, German steamer, from Shanghai.  
17 Buepo, British steamer, from Shanghai.  
18 Kim Hong, Tys. Sam. bark, from Amoy.  
19 R. M. Hayward, Am. bark, from Hongkong.  
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## NOTICES OF FIRMS.

**NOTICE.**  
I HAVE THIS DAY established myself as GENERAL AND SHARE BROKER.  
Office—Bank Building.  
CARL DENKE.  
Hongkong, 3rd December, 1878. [111973]

**NOTICE.**  
DURING my absence from the Colony, Mr. MIGUEL MARIA MAHER is authorized to SIGN my NAME per procuratione.  
M. A. DOS REEMEDIOS.  
Macao, 9th November, 1878. [11861]

**NOTICE.**  
THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. ARTHUR CHARTER in our Firm CEASED on the 1st December last.  
J. TINGLES & Co.  
Hongkong, 12th Nov. 1878. [111031]

**NOTICE.**  
THE Underigned, being about to Close his Firm at Swatow, hereby notifies that all DEBTS and CLAIMS due to or by him, will be collected and paid.  
The Interest and Responsibility of Mr. ARTHUR CHARTER in our Firm CEASED on the 1st December last.  
J. TINGLES & Co.  
Hongkong, 30th November, 1878. [11859]

**NOTICE.**  
NOTICE is hereby given that Messrs. DOUGLAS LAPELLE & Co. have This Day established a BRANCH of their Firm at Swatow and have authorized Mr. G. D. FULTON to SIGN per procuratione.  
DOUGLAS LAPELLE & Co.  
Hongkong, 30th November, 1878. [11860]

**NOTICE.**  
THE Underigned, having become LESSEE of the "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS" and the BUSINESS connected therewith will continue the same on his own account from this date.  
R. CHATTERTON WILCOX.  
Daily Press Office.  
Hongkong, 1st January, 1878.

**NOTICE.**  
PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.  
From this date Mr. A. McIVER will resume Charge of the Company's Business at this Port.  
ADAM LIND.  
Superintendent.  
Hongkong, 19th November, 1878. [11863]

**NOTICE.**  
FROM the 1st of October Dr. EASTLACKS will RECEIVE his PATIENTS at his NEW DENTAL ROOM, No. 50, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, over the Medical Hall.  
Hongkong, 24th September, 1878. [11860]

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A FIRST CLASS GRANITE GODOWN on the Prys, Wauch.  
Apply to  
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## BANKS.

**HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.**  
PAIDUP CAPITAL, \$5,000,000 of Dollars.  
RESERVE FUND, 1,200,000 of Dollars.  
COVENANT OF DIRECTORS.  
Chairman—F. D. SASSON, Esq.  
Deputy Chairman—W. H. FORBES, Esq.  
B. E. LELAND, Esq.  
J. L. TELLER, Esq.  
W. S. YOUNG, Esq.  
Hon. W. KENNEDY.  
CHIEF MANAGER.  
Hongkong—THOMAS JACKSON, Esq., Manager.  
Shanghai—EVEN CAMERON, Esq., Manager.  
LONDON—BANKERS—LONDON & COUNTY BANK.  
HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED.  
On Current Deposit Accounts at the rate of 8 per cent. per Annum on the daily balance.  
On Fixed Deposits—  
For 3 months 3 per cent. per Annum.  
For 6 months 4 per cent. per Annum.  
For 12 months 5 per cent. per Annum.  
LOCAL DISCOUNTS.  
Cheques granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.  
Branches opened in London, and the chief commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.  
J. JACKSON, Chief Manager.  
Office of the Corporation.  
No. 1, Queen's Road East.  
9th November, 20th November, 1878.

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## AUCTIONS.

**PUBLIC AUCTION.**  
THE Underigned will Sell by Public Auction, THIS DAY, the 5th December, 1878, at Noon, at his Sales Rooms, Queen's Road, the following:—  
An Inventory of SEWING MACHINES and STANDS.  
20 Bags COFFEE, SALAD OIL, MUSTARD, and CONFECTIONERY.  
BLANKETS, RUGS, CARPETS, CASHMERE, CLOTH, &c.  
By Order.  
Sundry EFFECTS of the late JAMES E. TORREN, W. DUMPHY, and others, comprising 1 GOLD HUNTING WATCH and CHAIN, 10 LAPIN & Co. 2 DIAMOND RINGS, 1 SILVER WATCH, 1 GOLD HUNTING KNEELER WATCH and CHAIN, 1 MUSICAL BOX, 1 DRESSING CASE, 1 BOX CHARTS.  
TERMS OF SALE.—As customary.  
J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer.  
Hongkong, 3rd December, 1878. [11864]

**LANE, CHATFIELD & Co. will Sell by Public Auction, in their Sales Rooms, Praya, the 6th December, 1878, at Noon, the following:—  
A PLANT of ENGLISH SHERRY, PORT, LIQUEUR, and CHAMPAGNE GLASSES, PINT and QUART DECANTERS, BEER and SODA WATER TUMBLES, FLOWER STANDS, TOWELS, RUGS, CARPETS, &c.  
In Cases CLARET, 150 Pint Bottles Very Old PORT WINE.  
A Quantity of OLD BROUGHT and CAST IRON, IRON SIZES, STONER TRAPS, WAGON WHEELS, BELLOWS, WATER CLOSET TROUGHS, SHIP'S PORTABLE FIRE ENGINE, &c.  
Also,  
60 Bags MANILA CIGARON.  
Hongkong, 4th December, 1878. [11876]**

**THE Underigned has received instructions from the Sheriff of Hongkong to Sell by Public Auction, under a Decree of the Supreme Court made in the above Suit, at the Premises on the 17th day of December, 1878, at Noon, all that VALUABLE and DESIRABLE PIECE or PARCELS OF GROUND situated at Wanchai, at Victoria, in the Island of Hongkong, known and registered in the Land Office as Lot No. 4, having an extensive sea frontage, with the VALUABLE MESSAGES or TENEMENTS and other BUILDINGS erected thereon, with their Rights, Easements, and Appurtenances, and all the Estates and Interest of the Defendants therein, held for the residue of the term of 99 years, created by a Crown Lease dated the 14th day of July, 1863, subject to the payment of the Annual Rent of \$14,000, and to all other the Covenants, Conditions, and Stipulations in the said Crown Lease reserved and contained.  
The foregoing Property is sold subject to a Mortgage existing with Interest due thereon to \$87,075.85, and two undivided equal 7th parts or shares of and in the said Marine Lot No. 40 are also subject to a further Mortgage, amounting to \$10,000, and to all other the Covenants, Conditions, and Stipulations in the said Crown Lease reserved and contained.  
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## NOTICE.

**ADVERTISEMENTS** can be received for insertion in the CHRONICLE AND DIRECTORY for 1879 up to 15th December. Terms can be had on application at the Daily Press Office.

Hongkong, 14th November, 1878.

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**THE CHRONICLE AND DIRECTORY** For 1879.

(With which has been incorporated "THE CHINA DIRECTORY.")

This Work is now being prepared for publication. Numerous important additions are being made to render it more valuable as a Commercial Guide.

The Publishers request that those Firms who have not yet returned the Printed Forms which have been sent to them to fill up, will be kind enough to do so WITHOUT DELAY. Any Persons who have recently arrived or to whom Printed Forms have not been forwarded, are desired to send their Names and Addresses as early as possible for insertion.

Daily Press Office, November 11th, 1878.

## NOTICE.

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NOTICE.—To avoid delay in the execution of Orders it is particularly requested that all business communications be addressed to the Firm, A. S. WATSON AND CO., or to the HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

**NOTICES TO CORRESPONDENTS.**  
Communications on Editorial matters should be addressed "The Editor," and those on business "The Manager," and not to individuals by name. All letters for publication should be written on one side of the paper only.

Correspondents are requested to forward their names and addresses with communications addressed to the Editor, not for publication, but in evidence of good faith.

**BIRTH.**  
At Hongkong, on the 25th November, Mrs. CARL HENNINGSEN, a daughter.

**DEATH.**  
On the 26th November, at Hongkong, the daughter of Captain PIERCE, of the British bark "Tern," aged one year and ten months, after a brief illness.

At his residence, on Monday night, the 26th instant, JAMES WILLIAMS, of the Home Repertory, aged 44.

**The Daily Press.**  
HONGKONG, DECEMBER 27th, 1878.

Some of the statements in reference to opium smuggling made by Mr. J. McLEAVY BROWN, in his report on the Trade of Canton for 1877, are now to the general public. The trivial amount of the drug which passes through the Foreign Customs at Canton has been yearly decreasing, was in 1877 only 324 piculs, but Mr. Brown very clearly points out that this decrease is attributable to the fact that foreign vessels have "never been the favoured channel of conveyance with the importers of opium, and are becoming less so as years pass on."

He goes on to observe—"The Native Collectorate simply overlooks at all points the Foreign Customs at Canton, which has been yearly decreasing, was in 1877 only 324 piculs, but Mr. Brown very clearly points out that this decrease is attributable to the fact that foreign vessels have "never been the favoured channel of conveyance with the importers of opium, and are becoming less so as years pass on."

He details many of the stratagems resorted to by the smugglers, and shows how devotedly they outwit the vigilance of the Customs officials and escape the observation of the captain and officers of the steamers under whose noses their operations are conducted. The latter, of course, need no explanation from any one, though Mr. Brown has, possibly for fear of any wrong construction being put upon his remarks—thought proper to add—"And all this goes on, not, to the surprise of many, entirely without the knowledge of the captain, officers, and engineers, and, of course, utterly unknown to the directors and shareholders of the company."

There is really nothing surprising in "all this." The captain and officers have always enough work to do without looking after smugglers, and they could not undertake—even if they were so inclined—to establish surveillance over all the movements of the passengers and crew. Much the same thing goes on on board the packets that ply between England and France, and it cannot be entirely suppressed, though the vigilance of the Customs *employes* may render the risk of discovery too great to make the business pay.

The secure of native opium to which Mr. Brown makes reference is certainly an astonishing one. That so large a quantity as one hundred piculs should have been collected together in one spot is remarkable, but still more so is the statement that the drug was intended for the Opium Farmer in Hongkong to mix with Indian drug in the manufacture of prepared opium. In the first place we should have thought the drug would have been nearly if not quite as costly as Foreign

or Bombay, by the time it arrived in the Colony, or at all events that the saving would not be worth the risk run in trying to smuggle it here. Moreover, it is the interest of the Opium Farmer to keep up the reputation of his prepared drug, and this would certainly not be the way to do so. Had it belonged to him we should have thought he would have protested against the seizure as illegal, for the opium would appear to have been collected within the province, and should only pay duty at the port of shipment. Without disputing the fact of the seizure, we are strongly inclined to doubt the accuracy of the statement in reference to the destination of the drug. It was probably trumped up either for the purpose of damaging the reputation of the Farmer and injuring the sale of his opium or else to shield the real owners, who feared being subjected to a squeeze. Quicker times are done in China sometimes.

We have heard, on undoubted authority, that not many years back a mandarin was caught in his own smuggling a large quantity of opium. His thought for it, as the booty was valuable, but was overpowered; the drug was seized and the heads of the smugglers whipped off without the form of a trial. Officials frequently have a hand in smuggling ventures, but they usually take good care not to be caught. That they either engage in it directly or connive at it is well known to the Imperial Maritime Customs, as well as to other people.

We notice that Mr. Brown endeavours to disprove the oft-repeated accusation made by British and foreign merchants against the Chinese Authorities of trying to gag the native trade of Hongkong. He says "the junks on the Canton-Hongkong line are said to be the property of a company, most of the capital of which belongs to officials and others connected with the principal Yamen in Canton. The same is probably true of many of the other lines. They are not likely, therefore, to be harassed in their movements to any undue extent by the Customs Authorities, as any grievances they may have are certain to be promptly heard in the proper quarter and soon redressed." If it be a fact, that some of the junk-owners are officials this would account for the squeezing that the rest are subjected to, in order to handicap them in their opposition to the official boats. Many of our readers are, perhaps, unaware that the Chinese Authorities, not only of Kwangtung but of other provinces, refuse to recognise Hongkong as a port of call, and that the Chinese are invariably made out, we are informed, to Canton, and the duties that would be payable at that port are collected from the junks coming to Hongkong at the blockade stations round the island. The junks clearing from this Colony are also subjected to squeezes by the officials who now submit passively, having found it fruitless to appeal to the Hongkong Government for protection. The great object of the Kwangtung Authorities is to divert as much of the trade of Hongkong to Canton as possible, and to effect this no stone is left unturned. The recent unjustifiable interference with the junk "Adon" with gunpowder for Macao is an instance in point. The protest that Macao was a Chinese port and that the import of gunpowder into China was illegal was frivolous, because not only has the British Government, but the Chinese Authorities also, have practically recognised the sovereignty of Portugal over Macao. It is idle to deny that a vexatious system of *extortion* over the native trade of this Colony exists. The evidence received of the fact have been too numerous and complete to admit of any doubt on the subject, and it is useless to attempt to prove the reverse.

The same down for the Chinamen and "Moochies" Capt. at the forthcoming Regatta are busy preparing morning and evening. On Tuesday Mr. Woodin's crew got their new boat, the Nerva, and had their first spin in it.

The performance of the "Lily of Killarney" at the Theatre Royal by the Royal English Opera Company is fixed for Saturday night, Mr. Vernon having successfully recovered from his illness to again appear on the stage.

The Band Amateurs of the 74th Highlanders repeated the performance last night to a full house of "A Bachelor of Arts," and "The Colleen Bawn" settled at last. The pieces went well, and the actors were applauded. A portion of the band was in the orchestra and played several selections. The performance was criticised by the Colonial of the regiment.

The *Kreuzzeitung*, writing on the relations between Russia and China, takes it for granted that the Caucasus Government has instigated the Chinese rulers to demand the retrocession of the Amur river to Russia, and that the latter is turned away from supporting Afghanistan. This paper, however, believes in a peaceful settlement between the St. Petersburg and Peking Governments.

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Mr. J. C. Daily News learns that on the 24th, at the Chinese village known as Mamei, at the Peking Anchorage, Foshan, was entirely destroyed by fire. The whole village, with its 100 houses and 1200 people, was consumed. A strong North-east wind was blowing, and caused them to spread with lightning-like rapidity along the entire length of the village, consuming everything in its course, including the European Hospital. By the exertions of the Customs House officials, the Chinese province of Kiangsi is held by the British Government. The present successful campaign in Kiangsi has left China stronger in Central Asia than she has been for some time, and the retention of Kiangsi has placed her in a position to defend herself against any aggression from the north.

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**CONCESSIONS.**  
[We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our Correspondents.]

**ELECTRIC LIGHTING.**  
TO THE EDITOR OF THE "DAILY PRESS."  
SIR.—Your correspondent "Economic Light" having brooked the subject, just readers that light, electricity in its various forms, and heat are not in themselves substances in the ordinary acceptance of the term, but are simply manifestations of force, and they are simply manifestations of force, and they are simply manifestations of force.

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**THE WAR WITH AFGHANISTAN.**  
The Amcor of Afghanistan is concentrating his troops, and Kabul is reported to be strongly fortified.

**SOCIALISTS EXPELLED FROM BERLIN.**  
Party Socialist leaders, including two Members of Parliament, have been expelled from Berlin.

**POLICE COURT.**  
3rd December.  
Before C. V. CROOK, Esq.

**LARCENY AT A FINE.**  
Li Ahn, a Chinese, charged with stealing a piece of beef from a house in Second-street.

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